

(iii) How well existing or new conservation programs are coordinated with the proposed acquisition plan;

(iv) How well the plan will maximize acquisition of real property interests in contiguous blocks of land within the Rural Legacy Area while providing for protection of isolated acquisitions important to the plan;

(v) Provisions for protection of resources, such as voluntarily granted or purchased easements, ~~EFFECTIVE MARKETING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERABLE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAMS~~, fee estate purchases, or gifts of lands;

(vi) How the sponsor plans to manage, prioritize, and sequence easement and land acquisitions;

(vii) Methodology for prioritizing and valuing or appraising easements;

(viii) Proposed titleholders for easement or fee estate acquisitions; and

(ix) The quality of the proposed stewardship program for holding and monitoring of easement restrictions in perpetuity;

(6) The strength and quality of partnerships created for land conservation among federal, State, and local governments and land trusts for implementing the plan, including:

(i) Financial support;

(ii) Dedication of staff and resources; and

(iii) Commitment to and development of local land conservation policies, such as changes in zoning and use of transferable development rights;

(7) The extent to which federal or other grant programs will serve as a funding match; and

(8) A sponsor's ability to carry out the proposed Rural Legacy Plan and the goals and objectives of the Program.

(d) The Board:

(1) Shall review applications and may request additional information from a sponsor;

(2) Shall submit applications to appropriate State agencies and to the advisory committee established by this subtitle and consider any recommendations made regarding the applications; and

(3) May negotiate the terms of an application and proposed Rural Legacy Area and plan with a sponsor.